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SLIM YOUTH DOESN'T WANT TO BE SOLDIER ANY MORE, WHEN ORDERED TO STRIP

Command to Prepare for Medical Examination Blights Hopes of Would Be "Rookie."

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 29.—A slim youth, with curly, dark hair and a timid smile, walked into the United States Army Recruiting Office here today.

"Is this where people enlist?" he asked.

"This is," said the recruiting sergeant. "Sometimes they're sorry for it afterwards."

"Well, then, I want to enlist," said the slim youth, throwing forward his chest.

"Say, you over 18?" asked the sergeant, who had been inspecting the prospective rookie closely.

"Why—ed—that is—yes," said the slim youth.

The sergeant was doubtful, but even if the youth were under the regulation age, he wouldn't be the first boy who had done well by his country.

"What's your name?" demanded the recruiting sergeant.

"Charles—er—Johnstone," said the youth.

"Al right. Fill out that blank. Name, age, and so on. Make a neat job of it, too."

Charles Johnstone made a very neat job of it.

"All finished?" inquired the sergeant. "Humm! That seems to be all right. Get into the next room there, and strip."

"Wh—what for?" gasped Chas. Johnstone.

"Medical examination," said the sergeant shortly. "What's the matter with yuh?"

Mr. Johnstone was very red in the face, and the sweat was standing on his manly brow.

"Say, you dippy?" inquired the exasperated sergeant. "I just asked you to strip—not bite your big toe or anything like that. G'wan in there, an' look alive."

"B-b-but I can't d-d-do that," said Charles Johnstone, and then, before the recruiting sergeant's amazed eyes, flopped down into a chair, and commenced to weep.

"For the love of Mike," said the sergeant.

"I d-d-don't want to enlist any m-more," sobbed Mr. Johnstone.

"No, I don't yuh do," said the sergeant grimly. "Now, what's your real name?"

"Gladys Glendenning—sob."

"An' what made yuh want to get into the United States army?" inquired the sergeant.